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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: DRAFT TEXTS OF STATEMENTS

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THERE FOLLOW THE TEXTS OF PROPOSED ARRIVAL AND DE-  
PARTURE STATEMENTS AND TOAST FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT:

### ARRIVAL STATEMENT

I AM HAPPY TO BE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AGAIN AND  
I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE CHANCELLOR  
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ARE SO GOOD THAT THEY  
WOULD NOT, OF THEMSELVES, REQUIRE FREQUENT HIGH-LEVEL  
ATTENTION. BUT EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS  
DIRECTLY BETWEEN US WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THE WORLD.  
THE FEW MONTHS SINCE I WAS LAST HERE HAVE SEEN MANY  
DEVELOPMENTS, SOME OF THEM VERY DISTURBING, WHICH CAN  
AFFECT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND WHICH IT IS THEREFORE  
IMPORTANT FOR US TO DISCUSS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO  
THESE TALKS AND TO THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WHICH I  
HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED DURING MY VISITS HERE.

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WE HAVE HAD AN EVENING AND A MORNING OF EXTREMELY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. I AM THANKFUL TO MINISTER GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FOR THEIR TIME AND THEIR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY. NOW I AM TRAVELLING ON TO BERLIN WHERE I WILL MEET WITH GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AND SPEAK BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THIS KIND OF VISIT TO BERLIN IS SOMETHING WHICH NO AMERICAN IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY CAN CONTEMPLATE WITHOUT STRONG EMOTION AND A SENSE OF PRIDE. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT WITH KEEN ANTICIPATION.

TOAST

IT HAS NOT BEEN A VERY LONG TIME SINCE I LAST ENJOYED YOUR HOSPITALITY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. INDEED, I'M BECOMING SO ACCUSTOMED TO THE ELEGANT ARRANGEMENTS AND DELIGHTFUL SURROUNDINGS HERE AT GYMnich THAT I RISK BEING SPOILED FOR ANYTHING ELSE. BUT, DESPITE THE SHORT TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE WE LAST MET, THE TERRIFIC PACE OF EVENTS -- AND THEIR IMPORTANCE BOTH FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND FOR THE ALLIANCE -- MORE THAN JUSTIFY THESE CONSULTATIONS.

A GREAT TRAGEDY HAS TAKEN PLACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND WE SEE FROM THE NEWS REPORTS CONCERNING CAMBODIA THAT IT HAS BY NO MEANS YET BEEN FULLY CONSUMMATED THERE. THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINS A SOURCE OF VITAL CONCERN. POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR ALL OF US ARE NOW UNFOLDING IN EUROPE ITSELF; I AM THINKING PARTICULARLY OF PORTUGAL, WHERE THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO GIVE RISE TO BOTH HOPE AND FEAR. OUR COMMON PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPLY AND COST OF ENERGY ARE BY NO MEANS SOLVED. THE CSCE IS PROBABLY HEADING TOWARD A CONCLUSION, ALTHOUGH MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE. THE PROSPECTS FOR MBFR REMAIN HIGHLY UNCERTAIN.

IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS WE WILL BE MEETING, ALONG WITH OUR OTHER ALLIES, AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL IN BRUSSELS  
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TO REAFFIRM THE STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION OF THE ALLIANCE AND TO DISCUSS MANY OF THESE CURRENT ISSUES. BUT A MEETING OF THE KIND WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN, ALMOST ON THE EVE OF THE SUMMIT, IS BY NO MEANS SUPERFLUOUS. OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR OURSELVES AND FOR THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. I CANNOT STRESS TOO MUCH THE VALUE WE IN THE UNITED STATES ATTACH TO IT AND TO THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED, AND

CONTINUE TO RECEIVE, FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ON A WIDE

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RANGE OF ISSUES. OUR COOPERATION STEMS TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT FROM A REAL IDENTITY OF INTEREST, BUT THAT IS NOT THE WHOLE EXPLANATION. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE NECESSARILY OCCASIONAL DIVERGENCES OF VIEW, GIVEN THE DIFFERENCE IN CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH OUR PEOPLES LIVE AND WORK. WHAT HAS SO STRIKINGLY CHARACTERIZED GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE POST-WAR PERIOD -- EVEN BEYOND OUR DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS -- HAS BEEN THE WILLINGNESS TO SEE THE VIEWPOINT OF THE OTHER SIDE AND, WHERE NECESSARY, TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION. THIS KIND OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT HAS UNHAPPILY NOT BEEN A PARTICULARLY COMMON FEATURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY. BUT IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT, BOTH AS A SYMBOL AND AN EXAMPLE, IN THE PRESENT AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE, WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES CONFRONTED WITH PROBLEMS THAT ARE SIMPLY TOO MASSIVE FOR THE CAPACITIES OF ANY ONE COUNTRY AND THAT CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH WIDESPREAD COOPERATION AND GOOD WILL.

LET ME SAY ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND, IN SO DOING, RAISE MY GLASS TO THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND TO ABIDING FRIENDSHIP

BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.  
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